THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Committee to study on development in rural areas

4472. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government set up a committee to study as to how to make development in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Ministry of Rural Development have not set up any Committee to study as to how to make development in rural areas. The programmes of poverty alleviation and rural development of the Ministry are being implemented with the active involvement of rural people at the grass-root level and the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). The Ministry has also put in place a mechanism to collect requisite inputs which are used from time to time for effective policy interventions.

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†4473. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only rural people living below the poverty line are benefited under the Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) whether Government are considering to include all the unemployed persons under cover of this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill, 2004, introduced in Parliament on

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.